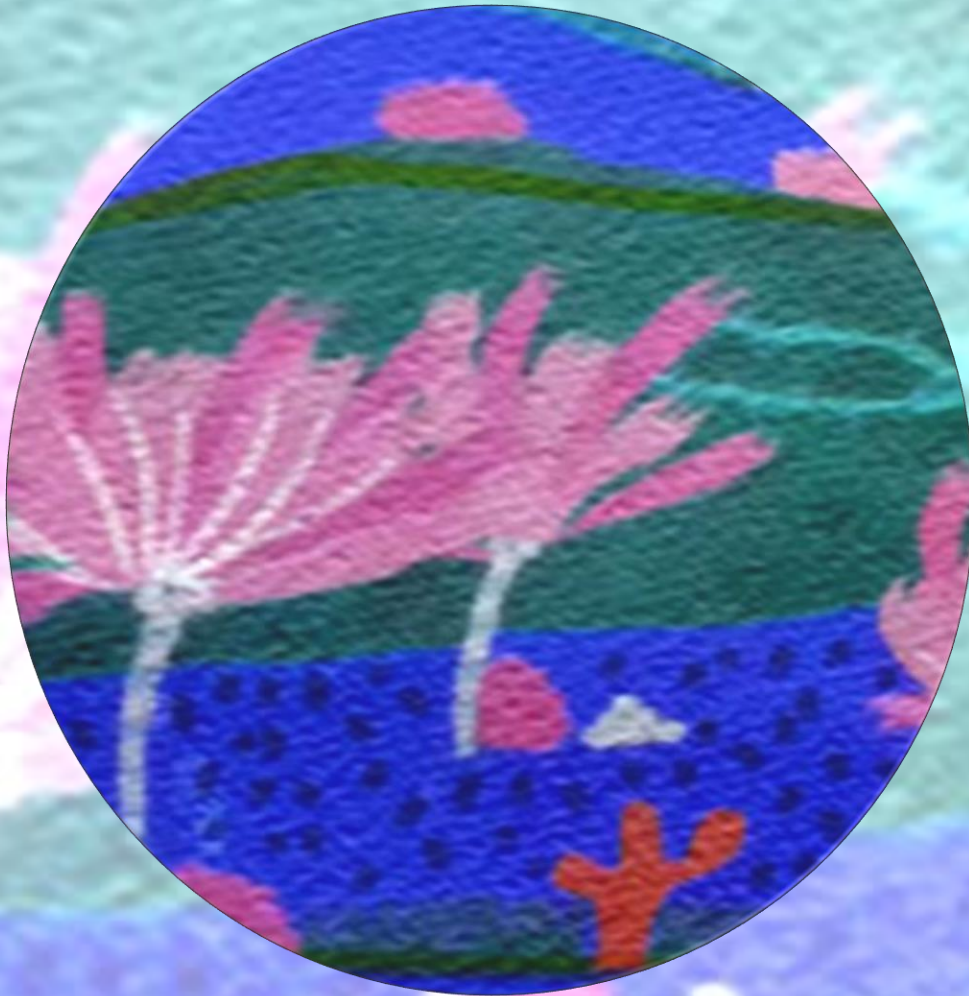


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9:1 He answered me then, and said, Measure thou the time diligently in itself: and when thou seest part of the signs past, which I

**have told
thee before,
9:2 Then shalt
thou understand,
that it is the
very same time,
wherein the
Highest will
begin to visit
the world**

which he made.

**9:3 Therefore
when there
shall be seen
earthquakes
and uproars of
the people
in the world:**

**9:4 Then shalt
thou well
understand, that**

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**the most High
spake of those
things from the
days that were
before thee,
even from the
beginning.**

**9:5 For like as all
that is made in
the world hath a
beginning and**

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**an end, and the
end is manifest:**

**9:6 Even so
the times also
of the Highest
have plain
beginnings in
wonder and
powerful works,
and endings in
effects and**

signs. 9:7 And every one that shall be saved, and shall be able to escape by his works, and by faith, whereby ye have believed, 9:8 Shall be preserved from

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**the said perils,
and shall see
my salvation in
my land, and
within my
borders: for I
have sanctified
them for me
from the
beginning.**

9:9 Then shall

**they be in
pitiful case,
which now have
abused my
ways: and they
that have cast
them away
despitefully shall
dwell in
torments.**

9:10 For such as

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**in their life have
received
benefits, and
have not known
me; 9:11 And
they that have
loathed my law,
while they had
yet liberty, and,
when as yet
place of**

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repentance was open unto them, understood not, but despised it;

9:12 The same

must know it after death by pain. 9:13 And

therefore be thou not curious how the ungodly

**shall be
punished, and
when: but
enquire how the
righteous shall
be saved, whose
the world is, and
for whom the
world is created.**

**9:14 Then
answered I and**

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**said, ^{9:}15 I have
said before, and
now do speak,
and will speak it
also hereafter,
that there be
many more of
them which
perish, than of
them which shall
be saved:**

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9:16 Like as a wave is greater than a drop.

9:17 And he answered me, saying, Like as the field is, so is also the seed; as the flowers be, such are the colours also;

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**such as the
workman is,
such also is the
work; and as the
husbandman is
himself, so is his
husbandry also:
for it was the
time of the
world. 9:18 And
now when I**

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**prepared the
world, which
was not yet
made, even for
them to dwell in
that now live, no
man spake
against me.**

**9: 19 For then
every one
obeyed: but now**

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**the manners of
them which are
created in this
world that
is made are
corrupted by a
perpetual seed,
and by a law
which is
unsearchable
rid themselves.**

9:20 So I
considered the
world, and,
behold, there
was peril
because of the
devices that
were come into
it. **9:21** And I saw,
and spared it
greatly, and have

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**kept me a grape
of the cluster,
and a plant of a
great people.**

**9:22 Let the
multitude perish
then, which was
born in vain; and
let my grape be
kept, and my
plant; for with**

**great labour
have I
made it perfect.**

9:23 Nevertheless

**s, if thou wilt
cease yet seven
days more, (but
thou shalt not
fast in them,**

**9:24 But go into a
field of flowers,**

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**where no house
is builded, and
eat only the
flowers of the
field; taste no
flesh, drink no
wine, but eat
flowers only;)**

**9:25 And pray
unto the Highest
continually, then**

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**will I come and
talk with thee.**

9:26 So I went my
way into the field
which is called
Ardath, like as
he commanded
me; and there I
sat among the
flowers, and did
eat of the herbs

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**of the field, and
the meat of the
same satisfied
me. 9:27 After
seven days I sat
upon the grass,
and my heart
was vexed within
me, like as
before: 9:28 And
I opened my**

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**mouth, and
began to talk
before the most
High, and said,
9:29 O Lord, thou
that shewest
thyself unto us,
thou wast
shewed unto our
fathers in the
wilderness, in a**

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**place where no
man treadeth, in
a barren place,
when they came
out of Egypt.**

**9:30 And thou
spakest saying,
Hear me, O
Israel; and mark
my words, thou
seed of Jacob.**

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9:31 For, behold,
I sow my law in
you, and it
shall bring
fruit in you, and
ye shall be
honoured in it
for ever. **9:32** But
our fathers,
which received
the law, kept it

**not, and
observed not thy
ordinances: and
though the fruit
of thy law did
not perish,
neither could it,
for it was thine;
9:33 Yet they that
received it
perished,**

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**because they
kept not the
thing that was
sown in them.**

9:34 And, lo, it is
a custom, when
the ground hath
received seed, or
the sea a ship, or
any vessel meat
or drink, that,

**that being
perished
wherein it was
sown or
cast into,
9:35 That thing
also which
was sown,
or cast therein,
or received, doth
perish, and**

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**remaineth not
with us: but with
us it hath not
happened so.**

**9:36 For we
that have
received the
law perish by
sin, and our
heart also which
received it.**

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9:37 Notwithstanding the law perisheth not, but remaineth in his force.

9:38 And when I spake these things in my heart, I looked back with mine

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**eyes, and upon
the right side I
saw a woman,
and, behold, she
mourned and
wept with a
loud voice,
and was much
grieved in heart,
and her clothes
were rent, and**

**she had
ashes upon
her head.**

**9:39 Then let I
my thoughts
go that I was in,
and turned me
unto her,**

**9:40 And said
unto her,
Wherefore**

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**weepest thou?
why art thou so
grieved in thy
mind? 9:41 And
she said unto
me, Sir, let me
alone, that I may
bewail myself,
and add unto my
sorrow, for I am
sore vexed in my**

**mind, and
brought very
low. 9:42 And I
said unto her,
What aileth
thee? tell me.
9:43 She said
unto me, I thy
servant have
been barren,
and had no**

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**child, though I
had an husband
thirty years,
9:44 And those
thirty years I
did nothing
else day
and night,
and every hour,
but make my,
prayer to**

the Highest.

9:45 After thirty
years God heard
me thine
handmaid,
looked upon
my misery,
considered my
trouble, and
gave me a son:
and I was very

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**glad of him, so
was my husband
also, and all my
neighbours: and
we gave great
honour unto
the Almighty.**

**9:46 And I
nourished him
with great
travail.**

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9:47 So when
he grew up,
And came
to the
time that
he should
have a wife,
I made
a feast.